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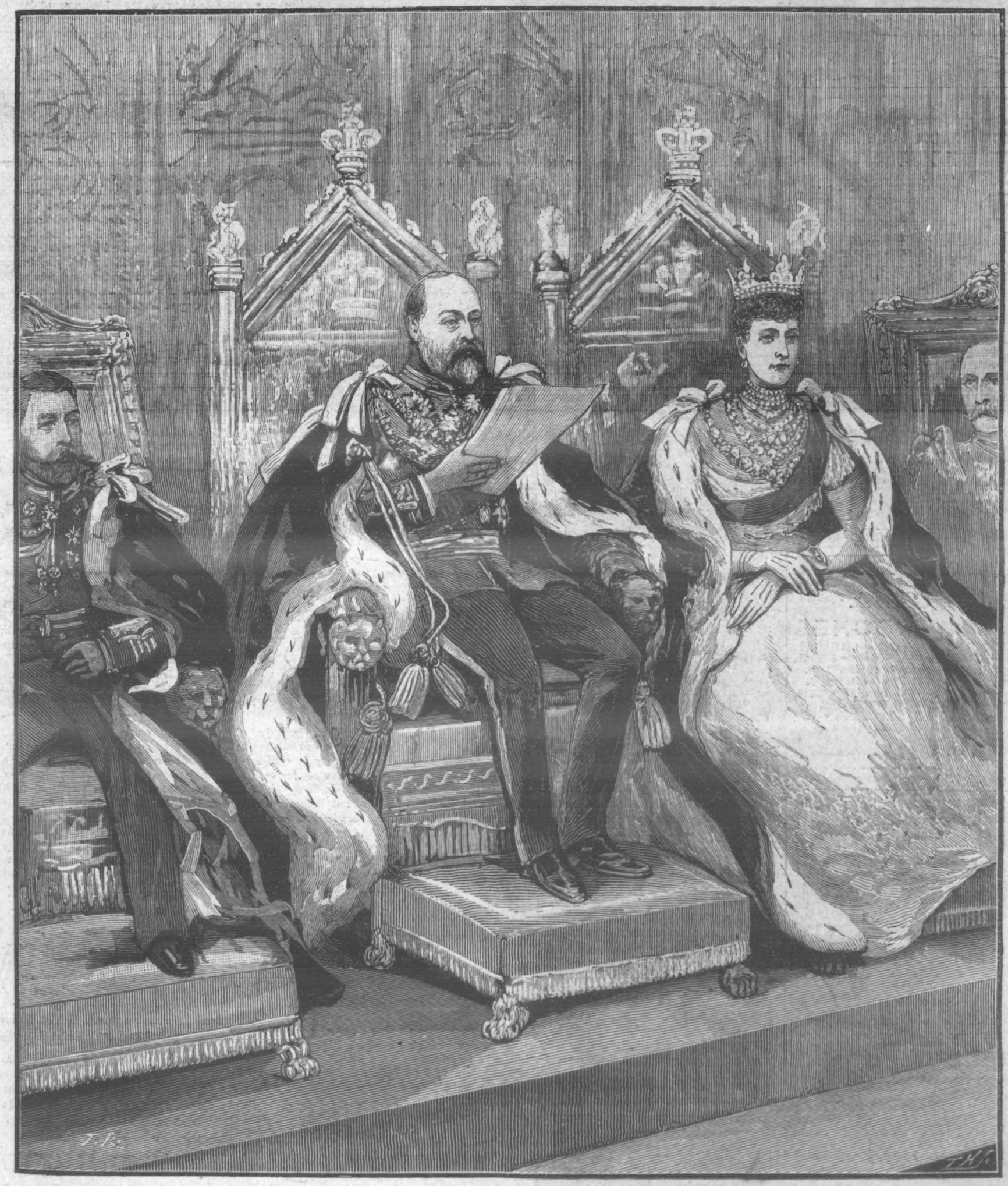

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LONDON'S WELCOME TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

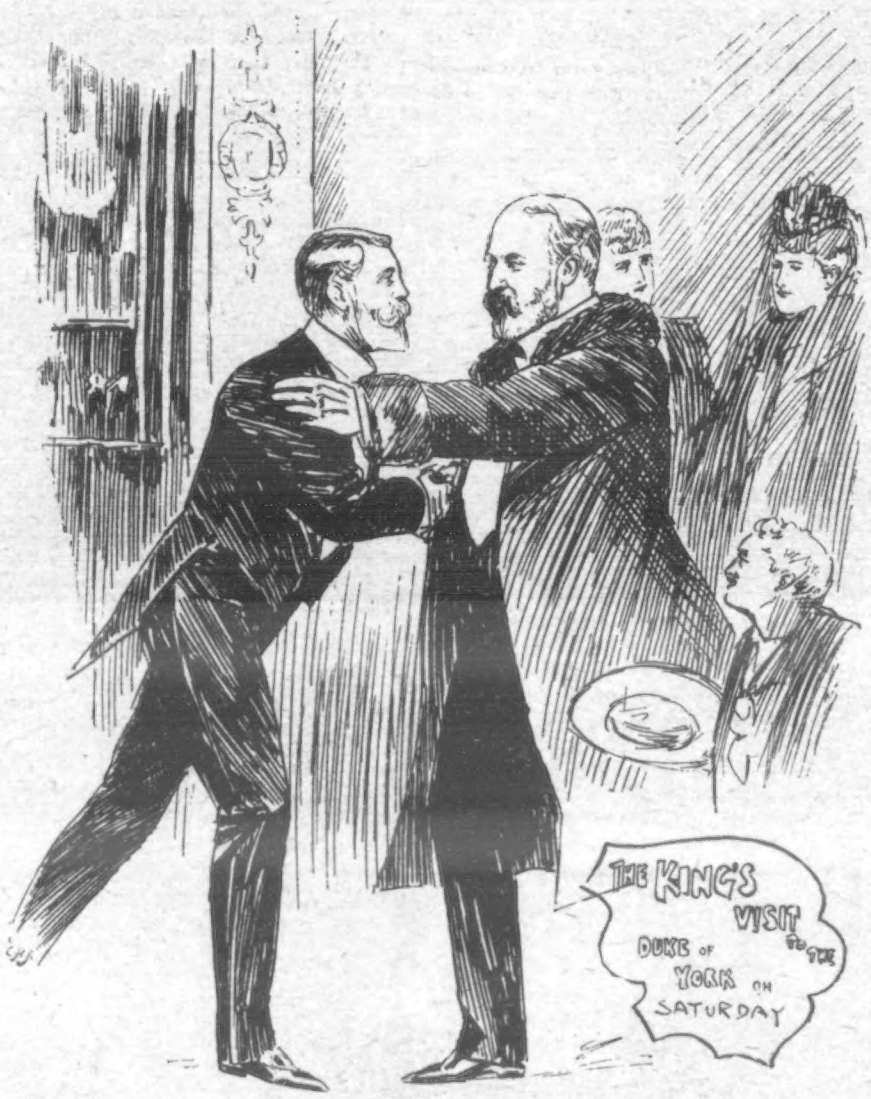
A SOVEREIGN WHO WILL INCREASE THE PROSPERITY OF THE METROPOLIS.

HIS MAJESTY'S OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON has with good reason welcomed right heartily to town our new King and Queen. As Prince and Princess of Wales, King Edward and Queen Alexandra earned our gratitude by their cheerful and constant endeavours to brighten the capital, and to make the London Season joyous with their genial presence. Their Majesties are acting wisely as well as considerately in not allowing their poignant sorrow to interfere with Duty. Labour conquers Grief. In work they will find the best solace. The King and Queen did but what was right and proper when, due reverence and homage paid to the memory of the venerated Sovereign Lady who now rests in peace beside the Prince Consort at Frogmore,

Their Majesties Came to London

from Windsor Castle on the 7th inst., and practically began a reign which their loyal and devoted subjects hope and believe will be beneficial to all classes and a source of happiness to themselves. Truth to tell, London has urgent need for a Court that shall restore the regal state of Royalty in fullest measure, and bring the Sovereign more in evidence in the Capital than has been the case for



a generation past. King Edward realises this. Most popular Man in his kingdom, His Majesty is more closely in touch with all sorts and conditions of men, and, therefore, more cognisant of their various necessities and opinions, than any other living personage. The King may be confidently relied upon to do his utmost to restore the prosperity of the West End, and thereby increase the welfare of the whole of London—a nation in itself with its teeming millions—a Metropolis whose big heart is full of warmest sympathy with the King and Queen, who have not been deterred by their grievous bereavement from commencing their onerous duties with commendable earnestness and exemplary self-sacrifice.

The noble aspirations of King Edward VII. were expressed in the pregnant words with which His Majesty closed the frank and pathetic letter which he addressed to "the whole Empire" immediately after the interment of his Mother: "Encouraged by the confidence of that love and trust which the Nation ever reposed in its late and fondly mourned Sovereign, I shall earnestly strive to walk in Her Footsteps, devoting Myself to the utmost of My powers to maintaining and promoting the highest interests of My People, and to the diligent and zealous fulfilment of the great and sacred responsibilities which, through the Will of God, I am now called to undertake. EDWARD, R.I."

The King and Queen Brought with Them to London

little Prince Edward of York, who, in the regretted absence through illness of the Duke of Cornwall and York at Osborne, represented his father and mother at the burial of Queen Victoria in the Albert Memorial Chapel at Frogmore. In that beautiful Mausoleum, the remarkably bright and intelligent little Prince (he is but in his seventh year) was the observed of all observers as, led lovingly by the King and Queen, he looked his last at the coffin of his Great-Grandmother. In sailor's costume, and looking wonderfully like the early portrait of the Prince of Wales in similar attire, Prince Edward accompanied his grandparents from Windsor Castle to London on the 7th inst. Their Majesties were agreeably surprised upon being met by the young Duke of Coburg at Paddington Terminus, and they heartily greeted their nephew before they entered the open carriage with Prince Edward. On the drive through the Park to Marlborough House, the King and Queen were respectfully saluted by large crowds of loyal people anxious to render homage to their new Sovereign. Known to be a very hard worker, the King has found his daily labour at Marlborough House prodigiously increased by his accession to the Throne. But His Majesty is, happily, a good man of business, terse of speech, and economical of moments, and may be depended upon not to allow the details of his regal office to master him.

The King's Decision to Open His First Parliament

in person on February 14 in company with the well-loved Queen-Consort afforded the public great satisfaction. London became itself again. The promise of pageantry held forth by the announcement that their Majesties would on Thursday proceed from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament in the Royal State coach, which is depicted on the opposite page, was hailed as heralding that cheerier Court life this great City has long looked for. A gilded coach resembling the Lord Mayor's ancient State chariot, the handsome carriage in which Their Majesties arranged to go by way of the Mall and through the Horse Guards Gate into Parliament Street, and so on to the Victoria Tower of the House of Lords, is so heavy that it had to be drawn by the eight cream-coloured horses from the Royal stables, with postilions and footmen in attendance. With the Life Guards' escort, the Court Procession could not fail to gratify all sightseers. Popular favourites deservedly, through their lives of public usefulness and from their kindliness of disposition and genial character, the King and Queen themselves could not be otherwise than the cynosure of every eye. But the Princess Victoria of Wales (who is such a devoted help and companion to her mother), the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (H.R.H. fortunately well enough to return to York House on Saturday, when the King and Queen hastened to welcome him), and the Duke of Connaught were, naturally, sure of a good reception likewise.

The programme was that the King and Queen having been robed on their arrival at the House of Lords, there should be a procession to the gilded Upper House heralded by trumpeters, and comprising Heralds and Pursuivants, the Duke of Norfolk as Earl Marshal, Lord Halsbury, and other Ministers of State, the officers of the Royal Household, with Equerries, and Pages, the Marquis of Londonderry holding the two-handed Sword of State, and other Peers bearing the Cap of Maintenance and

The Crown.

Made for the Coronation of Queen Victoria mainly from the jewels of the old Crown, this rarely worn regal headpiece weighs about 40 oz., and fairly glows with valuable diamonds, sapphires, pearls, and rubies. The red ruby in the Maltese Cross was given to Henry V. by Don Pedro of Castile, and is said (visitors to the Lyceum may be interested to learn) to have preserved the King's life at the Battle of Agincourt when he was attacked by the Duke d'Alençon. History has it also that the big sapphire in the circlet was taken from the ring of Edward the Confessor.

The King's Civil List

will naturally be one of the first matters to be considered by Parliament. Everyone would wish that the sum placed annually at the disposal of His Majesty should be commensurate. King Edward is sure not to spare himself in his endeavour to perform his exacting duties with zeal and good grace. England is not niggard to those who serve her well, and would certainly not grudge His Majesty a far larger sum than was needed by her late Majesty in her comparative retirement.

Due liberality on the part of the nation's representatives is the more obligatory as it has become the custom to place the former hereditary revenues from Crown property at the disposal of Parliament. This was duly stated in the first speech Queen Victoria addressed to Parliament in 1837, and precedent was bound to be followed by the King. Under this arrangement, the late Queen's yearly income was thus set down—

Her Majesty's Privy Purse	£60,000
Salaries of the Household and Retired Allowances	131,260
Expenses of the Household	172,500
Royal Bounty, Alms, and Special Services	13,200
Unappropriated Moneys	8,040
Total	£385,000

The Queen had, in addition, £60,000 annually from the Duchy of Lancaster; and there were the allowances to the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family to reckon. On the other hand, the settlement was a good stroke of business for the country, inasmuch as the Crown estates yielded last year no less than £478,000—close upon Half a Million sterling—to the revenue. When it is added that the Czar receives £2,050,000 a year, the King of Prussia £770,000, the Emperor of Austria £780,000, and the King of Italy £614,000, it may be taken for granted that Parliament

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The Marriage of Earl Carrington's Daughter,

Lady Marjorie Cecilia Carrington, and Mr. Charles Wellesley Wilson, eldest son of Mr. Charles Wilson, M.P., of the great Hull shipping firm, was a notable Society event last Tuesday evening. The King and Queen honoured the happy couple by attending the wedding at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, and the company was most brilliant. The bride wore a pretty Empire dress of white chiffon with a number of charmingly soft tucks, and a finely embroidered robe over the train of point d'esprit net. The seven bridesmaids wore dresses of peach-coloured satin veiled with chiffon, and instead of hats wore wreaths of Parma violets, and carried bunches of violets in their hands. After Countess Carrington's reception at her town-house, the newly wedded pair started for their honeymoon at Nice; and fair readers may like to know that the bride's going-away dress was of white crêpe-de-Chine, trimmed with hand-painted panne, and that she wore a black "picture-hat," trimmed with black ostrich feathers.

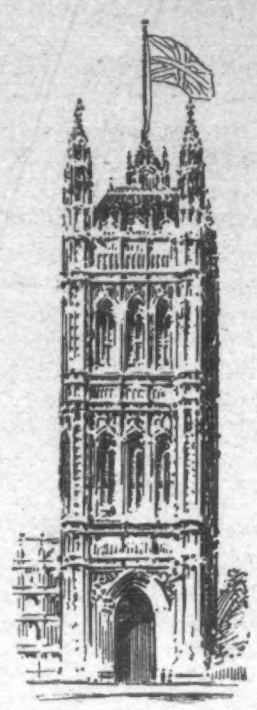
Mr. Robert Newman's Symphony Concerts,

supported by a noble orchestra of over one hundred performers under Mr. Henry J. Wood, one of the finest conductors living, are highly appreciated by all lovers of classical music. Last Saturday at Queen's Hall, in addition to a splendid programme of great works, the concert began with the National Anthem, the audience being requested to act as chorus while Miss Florence Schmidt sang the solo. Mr. Wood has married a titled Russian lady, which may, perhaps, partly account for the frequent examples of Russian music he introduces. The symphony in E minor of Tschaikowsky, who is sometimes called "the Russian Beethoven," is a magnificent orchestral work, and the band played it to perfection. Lady Hallé, who has been known as a violinist since she was six years of age, rendered the violin concerto of Brahms in D with exquisite skill, expression, and brilliant execution. No lady violinist has ever equalled her. The music was written for Dr. Joachim, but Lady Hallé played it with quite as much effect.

Speaking of Brahms, I must warmly congratulate Mr. Philip Lewis, the clever young violinist, and Mr. Purcell Jones, the similarly accomplished violoncellist, upon their admirable rendering of that great composer's beautiful double concerto for the instruments of which they are acknowledged masters. They nobly earned the applause of the large Sunday Concert audience, and the marked appreciation of Mr. Wood and of their admiring colleagues of the Queen's Hall Orchestra.

The Death of Dr. Edward John Hopkins,

who was for fifty-five years organist of the Temple Church, removes from the world of music one of our most distinguished native performers. Dr. Hopkins had been a musician from his boyhood. He sang a solo at the coronation of William IV., and he sang on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral at the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Sixty-six years divided the two events. Dr. Hopkins was not only a very remarkable executant, he also composed excellent sacred music which will be heard for many a year to come in our churches.



VICTORIA TOWER,

THROUGH THE GATE OF WHICH THE KING PROCEEDS TO OPEN PARLIAMENT.

The "Musketeer Concert Party,"

dressed after the fashion of Dumas' famous heroes, have appeared at St. George's Hall with great success, the combination of music and mystery being most amusing. The Musketeers are masked. They sing admirably, and blend sentiment with humour in a very effective manner. See and hear them!

A Lady Opera Composer,

whose sacred and orchestral music was much admired by our late beloved Queen, has won the approval of the famous conductor, Herr Mottl, who has produced an opera, called "Fantasio," by the fair musician, at Carlsruhe. The composer is Miss Ethel Smyth, who wrote a beautiful Mass, produced at the Albert Hall in 1883 under Sir Joseph Barnby. Native composers are looking up!

Verdi's "Otello"

will be revived at Covent Garden this season, with the famous tenor, Tamagno, as the Moor, and Madame Eames as Desdemona. When given at the Royal Opera in 1895, Signor Tamagno acted with such stormy passion that in the death-scene he rolled down to the footlights, and the representative of the dead Othello had to rise again and walk off the stage in front of the curtain. The audience had been so moved by his voice and acting that they did not laugh at the incident, but called him to the footlights again amid vociferous cheers.

"Masks and Faces,"

originally produced at the Haymarket nearly half a century ago, with Mrs. Stirling as Peg Woffington and Benjamin Webster as Triplet, was for many years played as a comedy. But Lady Bancroft, against the author's wish, had an idea of making the character of the heroine more sympathetic, and her success was so great that her example has been followed since. The speech of Peg at the close is now always treated as an appeal to the audience on behalf of the actress. It is a character that suits Miss Marie Tempest admirably at the Prince of Wales's.

"The Awakening,"

by Mr. Haddon Chambers, has proved the greatest success Mr. George Alexander has had since the reconstruction of the St. James's Theatre. The play is admirably written and cleverly constructed, the performance being probably the finest to be witnessed in London at the present moment. Playgoers soon discover a good thing, and Mr. Alexander tells me that the theatre is crammed nightly.

The Sixty-Third Birthday of Sir Henry Irving

last week led to hearty congratulations from all parts of the world to the distinguished actor-manager, whose services to the English stage have been so great. For years his revivals have been the most important of any to modern playgoers. Take, for example, "Hamlet," in 1878, "The Merchant of Venice," 1879, "Romeo and Juliet," 1882, "Twelfth Night," 1884, "Macbeth," 1888, "Henry VIII.," 1892, "King Lear," 1892, and "Cymbeline," 1896.

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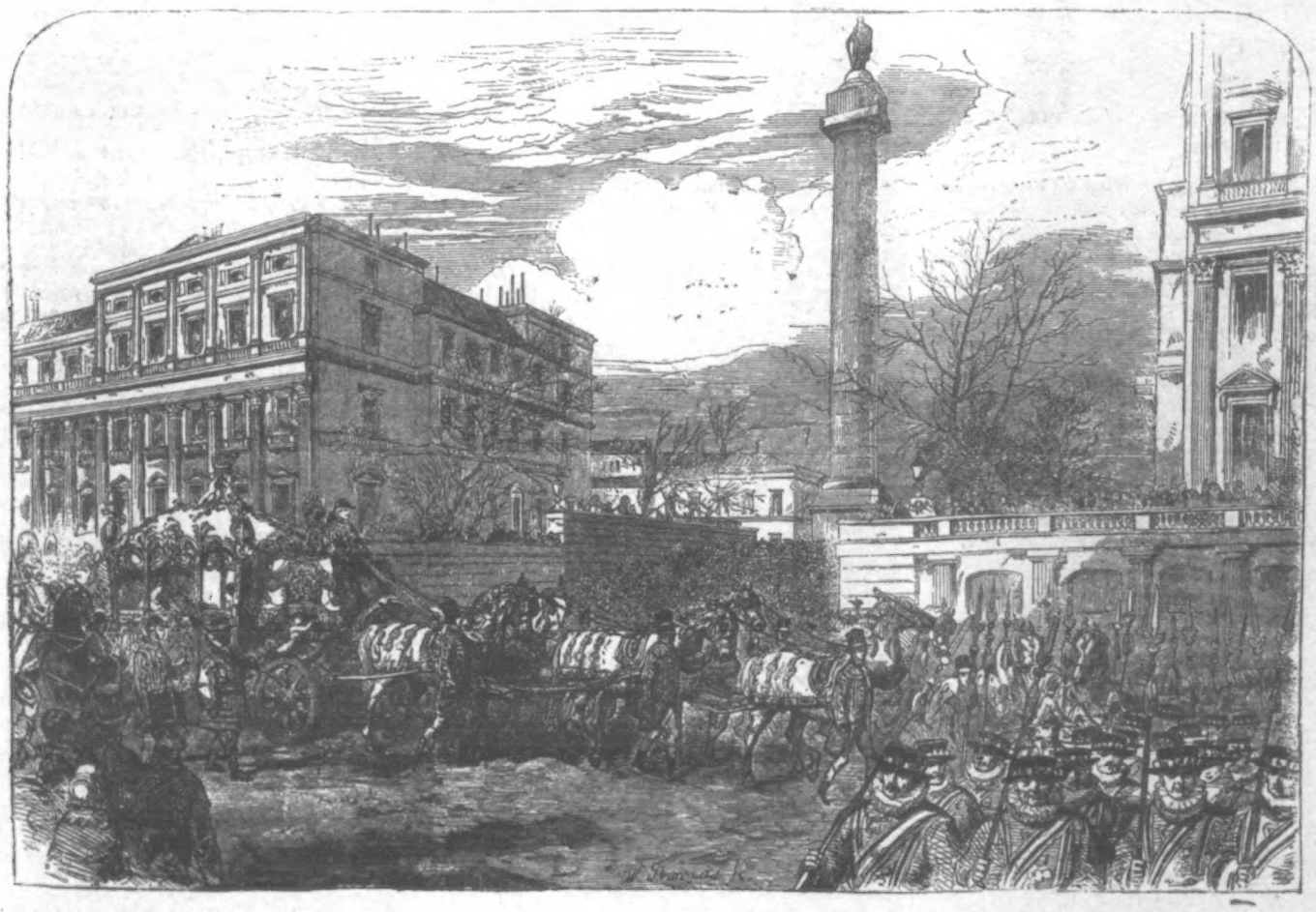

QUEEN VICTORIA PASSING THROUGH ST. JAMES'S PARK ON JANUARY 24, 1860, TO OPEN IN PERSON THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF HER REIGN.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HIS MAJESTY AND THE MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.—The King, in response to a communication from the Lord Mayor, has wisely suggested the formation of a small committee of "members of the present and late Governments" to consider what form the national memorial to Queen Victoria should take.

Queen Alexandra, in a letter accompanying a donation of £20 to the fund started for the benefit of Madame Susanna Cole, says: "It does indeed seem hard that such a distinguished artist should be in such distress in her old age."

The German Emperor concluded his visit to this country on Feb. 5. The King and the Kaiser left Windsor in the morning, and travelled to London by the Great Western Railway. On arriving at Paddington, and on the drive through the streets and Park to Marlborough House, their Majesties were enthusiastically received by immense crowds of people, who had lined the route despite the inclement weather. The King and the Emperor continually acknowledged the salutes of the people. Lunch was served at Marlborough House, the company including Lord Roberts.

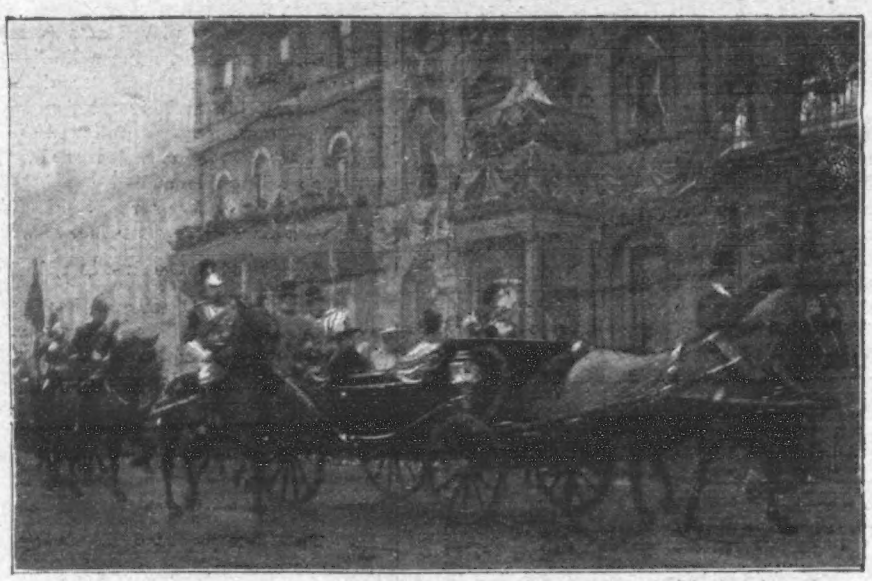
Their Majesties started for Charing Cross about half-past three, the demonstrations being renewed and continued until the South-Eastern terminus was reached. After taking an affectionate farewell of the Emperor, the King and the Duke of Connaught stepped out of the saloon, and the train steamed out of the station precisely at four o'clock amid scenes of the greatest enthusiasm. Port Victoria was reached in fifty-five minutes. His Majesty, who was loudly cheered by the Naval Guard of Honour, at once went on board the *Hohenzollern*, which was lying alongside the jetty. The yacht was afterwards removed to moorings in the river, and sailed on the following morning for Flushing.

Queen Alexandra's Brother, the King of Greece, concluded his stay with their Majesties at Marlborough House on Tuesday. The King of Portugal and the other Royal visitors have also left London.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons meets in Queen's Hall on the current Friday evening, when it is understood the resignation by the King of his position as Most Worshipful Grand Master will lead to the Duke of Connaught's being proposed as His Majesty's successor. No better choice could be made.

The King's Address to the Guards.—The King, in presenting medals of the Royal Victorian Order to the Queen's Company of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, about eighty in number, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Windsor, warmly thanked the company for the highly satisfactory manner in which it had performed its duties at Osborne and Windsor. They had performed a sad duty in a most efficient manner, and he highly appreciated it, and took that opportunity of presenting them with the medal of the Royal Victorian Order. He had no need to remind them of the way in which they had served as Grenadiers, in which regiment he himself had had the honour of serving. Henceforth that company would be known as the King's Company. Calling Captain Lloyd forward, the King presented him with an engraving of her late Majesty, to be the property of the King's Company. A Royal salute was given on the departure of His Majesty from the hall, and the band played the National Anthem.

The Royal Visit to Australia.—Extreme gratification is felt everywhere at the announcement that the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia is not to be abandoned. It is believed at Portsmouth that there will be a great naval display on the occasion of their departure. Strong convoys will escort the *Ophir* on her voyage, first one and then another fleet taking up the duty.



THE GERMAN EMPEROR DRIVING DOWN PICCADILLY WITH KING EDWARD VII. THE DAY OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR GERMANY.

Queen of Sweden.—Much sympathy has recently been expressed towards the King of Sweden and Norway on account of the indisposition of the Queen. The King is seventy-one years of age, and is a great-grandson of Napoleon the First's illustrious general, Marshal Bernadotte, the first King of the independent kingdom of Norway. In 1872 he ascended the throne in succession to Charles XV., his brother. King Oscar II., in 1857, married Princess Sophia of Nassau, by whom he has four sons. The Crown Prince was in London on the occasion of the obsequies of Queen Victoria. A few months since Sweden's Sovereign himself paid a visit to Great Britain, residing at Grove House, Roehampton. His Majesty has evinced most definite opposition to the desire of the Norwegian Storthing for a foreign and Consular service independent of Sweden. He is an excellent scholar and writer, having translated Goethe's "Faust" into the Swedish language. In 1888 he issued a volume of minor poems under the pen-name of "Oscar Frederik."

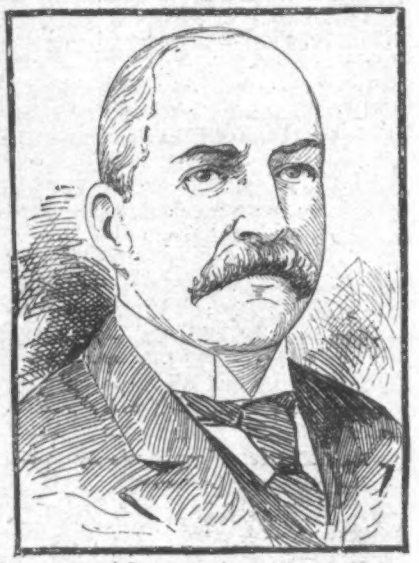
THE QUEEN OF SWEDEN.

Marquis of Waterford.—In the House of Lords the Marquis of Waterford moved, and Earl Manvers seconded, the Address in reply to the King's Speech. Mr. H. W. Foster moved, and Sir Andrew Agnew seconded, the Address in the House of Commons. The Marquis of Waterford sits in the Upper House as Lord Tyrone. The first Baronet's father was manager of the Londoners who settled at Coleraine as the New Plantation in Ulster. The third Baronet commanded a regiment against James II., whilst the fourth married Catherine, Baroness La Poer, heiress of the third Earl of Tyrone, his son becoming first Marquis. Robert de Poher was Knight Marshal and a Governor of Ireland in 1179. A descendant became first Baron Le Power and Curraghmore, and fell in battle in 1539. The sixth Baron, created Earl of Tyrone in 1672, was a Jacobite, and died in the Tower in 1690, his title then becoming extinct. The present Marquis, the sixth of his line, was born nearly twenty-six years ago, his mother being the eldest daughter of the eighth Duke of Beaufort. He succeeded his father in 1895, and is married to the youngest daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne. The family recently experienced a sad loss in the death of Lord William Beresford, V.C.

MARQUIS OF WATERFORD.

The Chloroforming Frenchman, Paul Lebon, aged twenty-seven, was on Feb. 9 tried at the Old Bailey, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, for administering to Louisa de Ligny, of 33, Pelham Street, South Kensington, a certain drug for the purpose of stealing her money and jewellery. The Frenchwoman alleged to have been a confederate of Lebon in the crime is at large.

The Death of ex-King Milan, which occurred in Vienna at four o'clock on Monday afternoon, at the age of forty-seven, came with surprising rapidity. It had been known for some time that he was laid up at his private residence with an attack of influenza, but only on Saturday last was it learned that inflammation of the lungs had supervened, and this disease speedily took a dangerous turn. King Alexander of Servia sent his adjutant on Saturday from Belgrade, with orders to wire hourly as to the patient's condition. A telegram was sent to ex-Queen Natalie at Biarritz, informing her of her consort's demise.



THE LATE EX-KING MILAN OF SERVIA.

The Remarkable Will Case: Verdict.—The case of Feilden v. Arnold and others (heard last week by Mr. Justice Barnes) had reference to the will of the late Mr. Montagu Leyland Feilden, of Sunbury, a son of the late Colonel Feilden, formerly M.P. for Blackburn. The will was dated Dec. 5, 1899, and by it the deceased left nearly the whole of his property, amounting to over £6000, to Miss Emily Hannah Tooley, to the exclusion of the plaintiff, the widow. Probate of the will in common form had been obtained by Mr. Henry Lewis Arnold, solicitor, and Mr. Daniel Jay, two of the defendants. The plaintiff, Mrs. Amelia Elizabeth Feilden, the widow, claimed an intestacy, and she alleged undue influence, which was denied. She sought to obtain a revocation of probate which had been granted. At the close of the evidence, Mr. Justice Barnes, in directing the jury, pointed out that aspersions had been thrown on the character of the plaintiff and her mother, but they were

Prince Edward. Duke of Saxe-Coburg. Queen Alexandra. The King. Sir Francis Knollys.

ARRIVAL OF THE KING AND QUEEN AT PADDINGTON ON FEBRUARY 7: THE QUEEN GREETING THE YOUNG DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG (DUKE OF ALBANY).

unsupported by evidence and had been denied. In the result the jury found for the will on all the issues. Mr. Justice Barnes pronounced for the will, and decided that the costs should follow the event. He stated that, in his opinion, there was no foundation at all for the charge of undue influence.

The South African War.—Lord Kitchener on Saturday telegraphed a highly satisfactory despatch from Pretoria. The concerted movement towards the eastern border of the Transvaal seems to have taken the enemy by surprise, and Louis Botha's force, estimated at seven thousand, is retiring east. Ermelo fell into our hands on Feb. 6, and early that morning General Smith-Dorrien, whose column was at Bothwell, to the east of Carolina, was attacked with pertinacity by some portion of the Commandant-General's army. Eventually, after a stiff conflict, the Boers drew off, leaving twenty dead on the field. A General and two field-cornets were among the slain. Our loss was twenty-four killed and fifty-three wounded.

De Wet, according to official intimation, has failed in an attempt to cross the Orange east of Bethulie, and is moving west. In Cape Colony the western invaders have

retreated towards Kenhardt before Colonel De Lisle, who has occupied Calvinia, while the Midland commandoes are also falling back rather than face the British forces. Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers are becoming very bitter, and this is borne out by the messages from correspondents, who mention sjamboking and shooting being meted out to burghers who refuse to fight. Two more trains have been derailed in the Transvaal on the Natal line.

The First Detailed Account of the fight which took place at Tabaksberg, between Bloemfontein and Smaldeel, on Jan. 31 last, has just come to hand. The enemy, it appears, were 2500 strong, and were directed by De Wet in person. Opposed to them were 700 men, under Major Crewe; and though the force fought so well as to earn the warm commendation of Lord Kitchener and General Knox, they had the misfortune to lose a "pom-pom" during the action.

In View of Recent Boer Activity in various directions, His Majesty's Government have decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. The recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated not less than 10,000 will be shortly available.

A POOR ITALIAN'S SUICIDE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

The South African Mounted Constabulary, including those enlisted in the Colonies, may be relied upon to the extent of eight thousand. The new Colonial Contingents to replace those withdrawn will probably reach five thousand. The remainder of the force will be made up by cavalry and mounted infantry from the Home establishment. The enlistment of Volunteer Companies, to replace those who have served a year in South Africa, is also being proceeded with. Another Volunteer company from Sussex has been invited to enter on active service, making the third which has received the honour.

The Marching Record Broken.—Colonel De Lisle's column, continuing its march north-east from Calvinia, arrived at Williston on Sunday. A Reuter Special Service telegram describes the march as having broken the record for the war, seventy-two miles having been covered in forty-eight hours.

A Corps of Loyal German Farmers.—Colonel Schermbrucker, M.L.A., has commenced raising a corps of loyalist German farmers in Kaffraria to resist invading commandos.—LAFFAN.

The Peculiar Adventures of a Curate in London would have made stranger reading than they did had the public not been accustomed of late to the exposure of immoral habits in too many of our modern plays. Before Mr. Justice Bruce and a special jury in the King's Bench Division on Feb. 6, an action was brought by the Rev. Turberville Cory-Thomas, a priest of the American Church, against the Rev. Bernard Spink, Vicar of St. Albans, Acton Green, to recover damages for alleged libel and slander. The defendant pleaded privilege. The Archbishop of Canterbury occupied a seat on the bench during a portion of the day. Mr. Bankes said his client in 1897 came to England, obtained a license from the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in the spring of 1898 became curate of the defendant's church at Acton Green. In the following year the plaintiff's license was not renewed by the Archbishop. In December 1899, the defendant wrote to Bishop Williams, in America, as follows: "I have had several talks with the Archbishop of Canterbury about Cory-Thomas, and he thinks with me that it would be a cruel case to make known to the public the names of the ladies . . . because of their families and friends. Another case has come to my notice—namely, that of a married lady he tried to ruin. This lady is not in my parish, and is quite unknown to the other two who brought charges against him. When I accused Cory-Thomas of trying to ruin the lady and taking her to a house near Euston, he said: 'I

deny nothing. I acknowledge everything, and I throw myself on your mercy.'"

Mr. Cory-Thomas said there was no foundation for the charge of his having made overtures to two unmarried ladies and to a married lady. One of the ladies "virtually proposed" to him after he had been in the parish two months. "Knowing that, did you take this young lady to a house in the Euston Road?"—"Yes." The Rev. Bernard Spink and the three ladies concerned were called by Sir Edward Clarke, leading counsel for the defendant, and their evidence was such that the jury found the charges true in substance and in fact, and gave judgment for the defendant, the Vicar of St. Albans, Acton, with costs.

Secretary to the Duke of Cornwall.—Sir Arthur John Bigge, K.C.B., C.M.G., who has been appointed private secretary to the Duke of Cornwall and York, rendered signal service during his term of office in a similar capacity to Queen Victoria. He had also been Equerry to the late Queen since 1895. He was born in June 1849, the fourth son of the Rev. J. F. Bigge, Vicar of Stamfordham, and is married to a daughter of the Rev. W. F. Neville, Vicar of Butleigh. In 1869 he entered the Royal Artillery, and saw service in the Zulu War of 1878-79, for which he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the medal. He was appointed A.D.C. to Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood in 1879, and the following year was Groom-in-Waiting to the Queen. He has apartments both in the Winchester Tower at Windsor Castle and at St. James's Palace.

SIR ARTHUR JOHN BIGGE.

A Sad Sensation was Occasioned in St. Paul's at morning service on Feb. 7, when an Italian named Giolani Antonio Bartollo Mucce shot himself with a pistol. He was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he died. The poor man had been out of work for some time, and this had preyed upon his mind. Suicide is a cowardly way out of difficulties; but all charitable organisations should bestir themselves to prevent the poverty-stricken from being driven by sheer misery to take their own lives.

TOUCHING TRIBUTES TO THE QUEEN.

(From the "Westminster Gazette.")

The Rector's Tolling.

A SIMPLE but touching tribute of the loyalty and devotion to the Queen's memory was paid by the Rev. T. B. Macnamara, Rector of Kingston, in the Isle of Wight, who would allow no hand but his own to toll the bell—which he did for an hour—on hearing of Her Majesty's death.

The Dublin Boy's "Vi'lets."

When the word was flashed to Dublin that the Queen was dead—
"Shure 'twill be a world-wide sorra!" all the grand folk said;
Till St. Patrick's great bell hushed them, tollin', tollin' solemn'ly.
But a wee boy at the corner, sorra word said he;
Not a shoe or stockin' on him, through the mud he wint
To the flower-girl was nighest, and wan coin he spint;
Not a shoe or stockin' on him, through the mud he came—
Softly, sadly, laid his "vi'lets" on the dead Queen's name.
An' if *I* were Queen of England wid the Cross on me cold breast,
Though the poets sang their sweetest, and the big guns roared their best,
I would better love those "vi'lets" bought—though sorra word was said—
When the news was flashed to Dublin that the Queen was dead.

L. M. LITTLE.

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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

THE four countries which comprise the United Kingdom were, on Saturday last, all engaged playing Rugby football—that is to say, their chosen representatives were. England and Ireland met at Lansdowne Road, Dublin; Scotland and Wales faced each other at Inverleith, Edinburgh. In both cases some surprise was created by the result, more, perhaps, in one than the other. At Dublin the weather was dull, but this epithet could not be applied to either spectators, of whom there were some 8000, or to the play. From first to last the game was fast.

Ireland Won the Day

chiefly by means of the dashing work done by their forwards, and in some measure by the superiority of their halves. Behind the scrummage England showed exceedingly good form, and at times the passing of their three-quarters was so smart as to arouse the enthusiasm of even those whose sympathies were naturally with their countrymen. This second defeat of the season had not been expected by England, but it cannot be denied that the victory of Ireland by 2 goals (10 points) to 1 penalty goal and 1 try (5 points) was well merited.

Scotland Triumphed over Wales

in every sense of the term. Scotland scored three goals and a try, and up to within five minutes of the finish nothing had been placed to the credit of Wales. Then the visitors obtained two tries, from one of which a goal was kicked. Scotland may have slackened somewhat, being certain of victory; but Wales deserve much credit for the smartness they displayed even under disheartening circumstances. It was not surprising to learn that the committee of the Scottish Rugby Union had selected the victorious team, without exception, to

Oppose Ireland on March 2.

Of club matches there were a few of interest in the Metropolitan district. Richmond and London Scottish met at Richmond, and though the former were without Schwarz, Reynolds, and Bunting, they won, after an interesting game, by 9 points to 5. Blackheath visited Cambridge, and beat the University team by two goals and a try to a goal and a try; Lennox went to Oxford, and returned vanquished by the University team, who scored five goals and six tries. Lennox played one short. Croydon beat Northampton by 11 points to 10; Guy's Hospital beat Kensington by two goals and a try to two tries; Rosslyn Park beat Harlequins by 16 points to 11.

NORTH OF THE THAMES JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT WEMBLEY PARK LAST SATURDAY: GOING ACROSS TO THE STARTING-POST FROM THE DRESSING-ROOM.

'Spurs. The game was one of exciting description, and with but ten minutes to play, the only goal scored stood to the credit of Preston. Then, however, Tottenham Hotspur kicked a goal, and another meeting will have to take place.

Woolwich Arsenal beat Blackburn Rovers.

There was a very large crowd—over 16,000—at Plumstead to witness this match, which few expected would result in favour of the Arsenal team. The unexpected happened, however, and for the first time the Southeners have gained a place in the second round. Two goals were scored by the home side in the first half, and these were the only points obtained. During the second half Woolwich played chief attention to defence

Aston Villa Victorious.

Away from home, Millwall played an inglorious part against Aston Villa, who, in the presence of 25,000 persons, won by five goals to none. Bury beat Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United beat Sunderland, Everton beat Southampton, Notts County beat Liverpool, Middlesbrough beat Newcastle United, West Bromwich Albion beat Manchester City, Reading beat Bristol Rovers, Notts Forest beat Leicester Fosse, Wolverhampton Wanderers beat New Brighton Tower, Bolton Wanderers beat Derby County, and the other matches were drawn.

Cross Country.

Very successfully managed was the South of the Thames Junior Championship at Oakley Park, Bromley, on Saturday, and the estimate that had been formed of the chance of the Orr and Clive Vale Harriers proved correct, for though their first man home (R. F. Harman) was only ninth, they won with 147 points. Brighton and County had two men (W. Baker, third, and J. S. Lyon, sixth) in the first six, and were second with 154 points. Herne Hill Harriers had practically their second team, yet were third with 167, their most prominent men being J. S. Raynor, seventh, and S. K. Moorcroft, tenth. Fourth place was occupied by Eastbourne Rovers, who supplied the individual winner—B. Sewell, who beat A. Aldridge, Redhill and Reigate Harriers, by forty yards. The fourth man home was F. J. Steadman, Epsom Harriers, and the fifth A. E. Saunders, Kent A.C. The North of the Thames Championship at Wembley Park was productive of a fine contest between

Queen's Park Harriers,

who won, and St. Bride's A.C., the difference in points amounting to but four—63 against 67. R. Reeves, of St. Bride's, who was formerly a member of the Crewe Harriers, did a remarkably good performance, taking the lead soon after the start and holding it to the end, winning easily by 120 yards. H. E. Wills, W. H. Cornelius, and W. Moir, of St. Bride's, were respectively sixth, seventh, and tenth. The winning club furnished the second man,

R. REEVES, ST. BRIDE'S A.C.,
Winner of the North of the Thames Cross-Country Championship at Wembley Park last Saturday.

H. F. Darby, the fourth, C. S. Montague, the eighth, A. E. Darby, and the fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth. J. Punter, Unity, was third, and C. S. Silsby, Hampstead, fifth. South Essex were third on the club placings, but their points numbered 145.

Cambridge University Beat Thames H. and H.

The Light Blues resumed cross-country running with this match, and scored a success upon easy terms—that is to say, 19 points to 37. C. E. Pumphrey, A. Botterill, and G. M. Butt, of the University, occupied respectively the first three places, and five of the home side were included in the first seven home.

Northern and Southern Championships.

These events are to take place on Saturday in the present week respectively at Haydock Park, Manchester, and Wembley Park, a short railway run from Baker Street. The holders of the Southern Championship are Highgate Harriers, and they are expected to be able to retain the title. Essex Beagles will probably repeat their performance of last year, and take second place, while Finchley Harriers, though they will not have the assistance of the champion, C. Bennett, should finish somewhere near the front.

BANSHEE.

SOUTH OF THE THAMES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT BROMLEY LAST SATURDAY.

IRELAND v. ENGLAND AT THE LANSDOWNE ROAD GROUND, DUBLIN, LAST SATURDAY.
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The "P.I.P." Farmer.

A Butter Dryer and Board.

SOME months ago I gave particulars in this column of the "Dewdrop" butter-dryer, and was very pleased indeed to note from inquiries received that what I said had not fallen on fallow ground. In other words, interest was aroused, and many correspondents who took advice then tendered have since written and said how very effective the dryer recommended has proved. This fact has induced me to give particulars of another dryer, a noiseless-working one; while the power required is quite two-thirds less than that needed for any wheel-geared dryer, and the price is also considerably less.

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White Tiger-Flower.

This is one of the hardy bulbs. The flower is creamy white, marked with chestnut-red, on a yellowish ground, and is all round one of the finest of its family. In the summer sun they are strikingly lovely. One or two others of the species, with their chief characteristics, are lilacea, purplish-blue, rosea, a bright rose, pavonia, scarlet and

WHITE TIGER-FLOWER.

orange; canariensis, brilliant yellow, flamed with scarlet; speciosa wheelerii, a rich dark scarlet, and spotted orange. My correspondent who has asked for this description should also get some double and single anemones and Persian and turban ranunculus.

On Water-Fowl.

Since my note on ducks a few weeks ago, I have been asked for particulars of other varieties, and for the benefit of any of my readers who may be requiring similar information, I append the details inquired about. Aylesburys are very good layers, and make excellent table-birds. They can be grown to a large size, a fair average weight for a pair of twelve-months-old birds being 12lb. If hatched very early in the year, the ducklings readily sell at remunerative prices. The Aylesbury should have a pink bill and spotless white plumage. Pekings are

A PEKIN DUCK.

hardy good layers, and table-birds. They differ from the Aylesbury in colour of plumage, which should be a pale bronze or canary, having a bright yellow bill, and being very upright in shape. Rouens are very beautiful in appearance, the rich colouring on the drake's plumage being very charming. The ducks are good layers of fair-sized eggs. They also make good table-birds, but are slower in growth than either Aylesburys or Pekings.

Greaves as Food for Fowls.

Greaves are useful to give to young and old stock birds during winter, but as they are liable to spoil the flavour of eggs they should not be included in the diet of hens that are kept to produce eggs for eating purposes. Previous to supplying, the greaves should be soaked for an hour, being put into boiling water. Ten per cent. well mixed with meal and vegetables is a good proportion. The only ill-effects that may arise from using the stuff are that large pieces of gristle and bone may be partaken of and cause stoppage; but if care is exercised in its use, and the best only given, then it will prove serviceable.

N.B.—The "*P.I.P.* Farmer" will be pleased to reply to rural questions sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 198, Strand, London, W.C.

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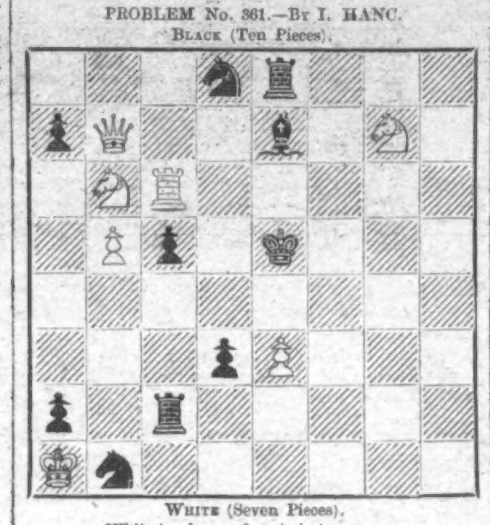
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 360.

1. Q to Q 2nd	K takes B P	2. Kt to Kt 4th, mate.	
1. „	K takes Q P	2. Kt to B 4th	„
1. „	B to B 5th	2. Kt takes B	„

PROBLEM No. 361.—By I. HANC.

BLACK (Ten Pieces).



WHITE (Seven Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

FINE PLAY.

The appended very finely played game hardly needs detailed notes. White adopted a weak variation of the Giuoco Piano, and Black treated this in a manner different from the ordinary run. He contented himself with obtaining a more rapid development, and utilised this for the purpose of pressing on an attack on the King's wing. It was more owing to his inability to stop Black's intending King's side attack than for want of judgment that White made a feeble demonstration on the Queen's wing. The absence of White's Queen's Bishop made itself grievously felt by Black's Knights playing in and out with the mobility of well-mounted cavalry, viâ K B 5th. Black's play hardly needs any praise of ours. It was exceedingly well directed, and when White resigned he did so probably owing to the fact that he could not stop the mate in reply to Black's threatened move of Q to R 6th.

Game played in the correspondence match, North v. South of England, between F. N. Braund and J. Musgrove.

White (Braund, South).	Black (Musgrove, North).	White (Braund, South).	Black (Musgrove, North).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	20. Q to B 5th	Kt to B 2nd
2. K Kt to B 3rd	Q Kt to B 3rd	21. B to Q 3rd	P to Kt 5th
3. B to B 4th	B to B 4th	22. Kt to Q 2nd	Kt to Kt 4th
4. P to B 3rd	Kt to B 3rd	23. Kt to Kt 3rd	P to B 5th
5. P to Q 4th	P takes P	24. Q to Kt 4th	R to B 2nd
6. P takes P	B to Kt 5 (ch)	25. Kt to B 5th	Q to K 2nd
7. B to Q 2nd	B takes B (ch)	26. Q to Q 2nd	Q R to K B 1st
8. Q Kt takes B	Castles	27. P to Kt 4th	R to Kt 2nd
9. P to K 5th	P to Q 4th	28. K to R 1st	P to K R 4th
10. B to Kt 5th	Kt to K Kt 5th	29. P to Kt 5th	P takes P
11. Castles	Kt to K 2nd	30. Kt takes B	Q takes Kt
12. R to B 1st	Kt to Kt 3rd	31. B takes P	P to R 5th
13. Q to B 2nd	P to Q B 3rd	32. B to Q 3rd	P to B 6th
14. B to Q 3rd	P to K B 4th	33. R to K Kt 1st	P to Kt 6th
15. K R to K 1st	Kt to B 5th	34. B P takes P	P to B 7th
16. B to B 1st	P to K Kt 4th	35. K R to B 1st	P takes P
17. Kt to Kt 3rd	Kt to K 3rd	35. Q to K 3rd	Kt to B 6th
18. Kt to B 5th	Kt to R 3rd	White resigns.	
19. Kt takes Kt	B takes Kt		

DRAUGHTS.

CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS received from A. Fayne (320 very elegant), George Gascoigne, Lewis Ide, John E. Jones, T. Harding, John Workman, and W. J. Fulcher.

THOMAS F. CLEARY.—Your problem has two keys: 26—22 and 15 11.

A. FAYNE.—Second edition accepted.

GEORGE G.—How does White draw if Black play 18—27 at second move?

W. SMITH.—Accepted.

S. W. FROST.—Write to F. C. Spratt, 83, King's Road, Camden Town.

T. HARDING.—The black side is too strong, and can be won otherwise. No. 2 wrongly solved.

JOHN W.—White can win also by 23 26 at second move.

HARRY SMITH.—Your first position can be drawn otherwise, and your second position can be won by 16 11. Have no knowledge of a Chelsea Club.

THANKS TO ALL.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 322.—By A. COLEMAN.

Black: 1, 4, 11, 13, 27, 26K, 28K.
White: 8, 15, 18, 22, 25, 9K, 20K.

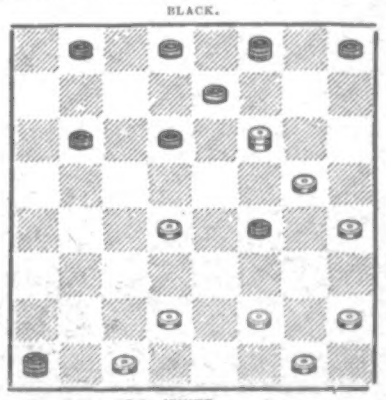
White to move, and win.

15 10	20 24	18 15	6 8	11 15
26—17	28—19	11—18	13—17	22—26
25 22	10 6	9 6	8 11	15 18
17—26	1—10	4—11	17—22	W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 323.

By CAPTAIN CHALLICE, Q.W.R. (Great Yarmouth).

BLACK.



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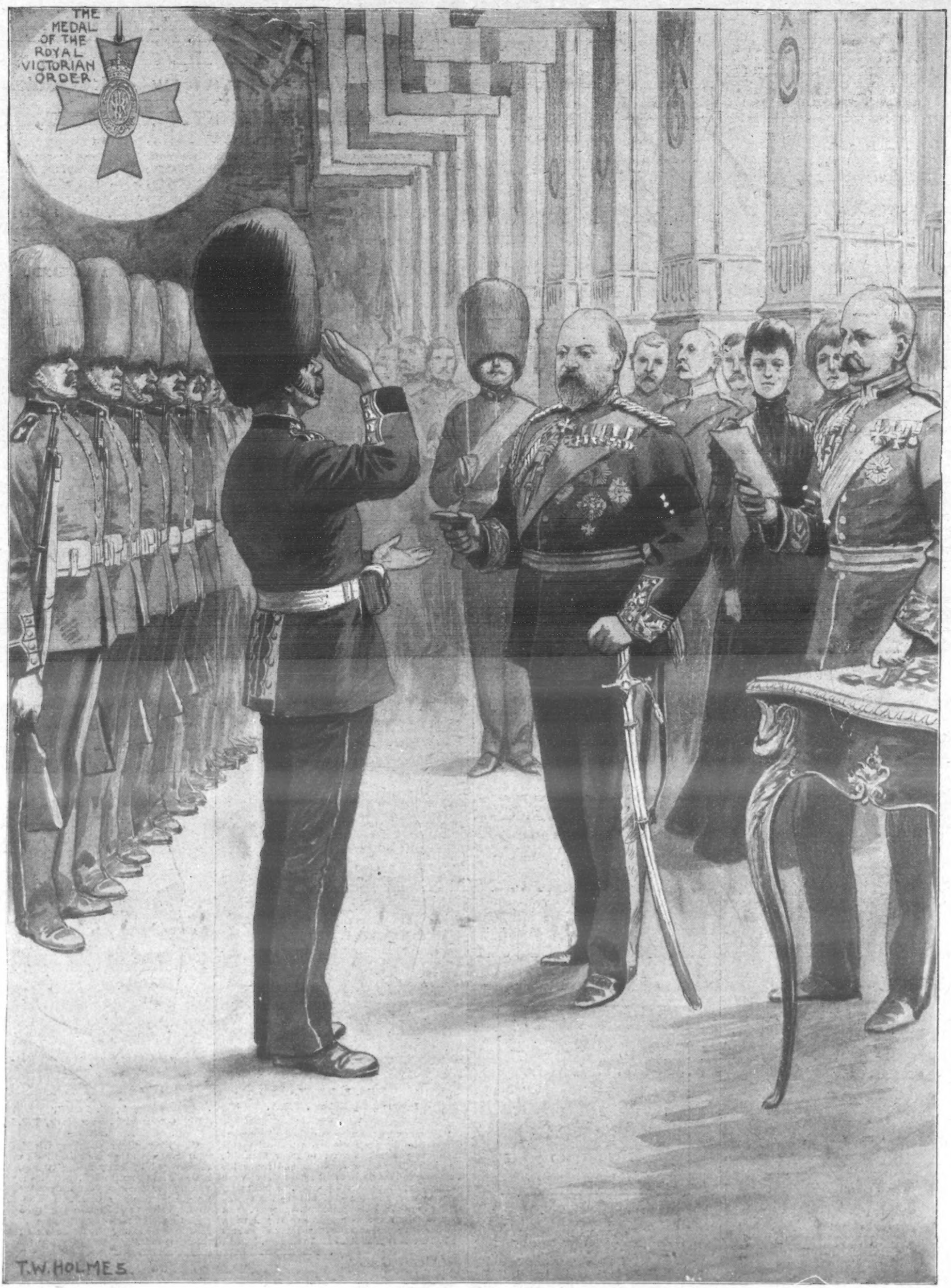

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MY friend, Miles Revell, and I had got off our bicycles, and we were leaning over the gate which led into the Squire's park.

As he spoke we heard the sound of wheels approaching along the broad drive.

"Is that your Squire?" I asked.

"He is, and he has just the same smile as his mother had thirty-five years ago, Jack! Thirty-five years! Did you ever hear about the coming home of that young man's father?" Revell asked.

"Never! Tell me the story while we rest."

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The grandfather of the present Squire, whom we have just seen, had been a thriftless gentleman, with attractive manners, an almost professional knowledge of the Turf, and a taste for luxury. He had led a gay life during the Regency, married a penniless girl with brown curls and beautiful shoulders, and finally left his country-house, to retrench and die in an obscure Italian town. There his son was born and educated, and grew up with no memories of the grass lawns, the lime-avenue and the fruit-orchards of his English home. After his father's death he wrote word to the agent of his intention to return to England and live among his own people. The agent read the letter aloud to the young Squire's maiden-aunts, who, since their brother's departure for Italy, had kept his house in order.

I well remember the excitement that pervaded the village when the date of the Squire's return was at last fixed. Across this grass drive, where you and I now sit, we hung many lanterns, and flags, and paper roses, these last the handiwork of the dear old maiden-aunts. The Squire's other old relative, Aunt Sophia, joined us then. She moved with great dignity, her aquiline face shaded by a large bonnet with ruches. By her side walked a friend of mine, and she was the loveliest girl that you ever saw, my dear fellow!

Julia, for such was her name, had a way of confiding in me that was perhaps gratifying in one sense, but in another hardly flattering. Julia, I must tell you, was the only child of a very rich man, an ex-tallow chandler, who had bought a dilapidated Elizabethan house some three miles away, and restored it with vulgar splendour. A girl as lovely as she was, and presumably so great an heiress, had, of course, the little world in which she lived at her feet. But it seemed that during her last tour abroad, some months ago, Julia had lost her heart to an absolutely impossible person. She did not tell me this in as many words, but I perfectly understood her. I also divined what the wrath of Mr. and Mrs. Pinching-Brown must have been when Julia refused the hand of the Duke de Galindez and would insist upon taking long walks with this obscure young man, the son, he told the Browns, of a gentleman farmer. He was himself at the time studying practical agriculture under an agent to a great French property. When the day of departure arrived for the Pinching-Browns, this insolent young man was actually in attendance at the station, with a bouquet in his hand, and he said something of deep importance to Julia while her papa was fiercely arguing about tips with the courier.

"He told me that he might be coming to England!" sighed poor Julia. She did not know how I inwardly cursed this young turnip-grower!

"What income can a land-agent make a year?" she asked, her lip trembling.

I answered morosely that the ordinary agent was now a drug in the market. "Well, we shall meet to-morrow, Miss Julia," and I took her hand tenderly in mine.

"Oh, yes! I shall come and wave my handkerchief with the crowd. But it is so trying that mamma will insist upon bringing Mr. Tannenbaum with us!"

"Ah! another victim—one more scalp at your belt, I suppose!" I remarked with melodramatic bitterness.

"Papa wishes me to like Mr. Tannenbaum—yes—he does, if that is what you are hinting at!" Julia frowned and turned her head away.

"And you? Why, no—of course the bucolic gentleman with the beautiful manners holds the field! I needn't ask!"

Julia looked at me with an expression of surprise and pain in her large brown eyes. I felt very much ashamed. Then I saw that Aunt Charlotte, carrying a reticule, was coming towards us.

"I really think the weather is going to bear up, Mr Revell," she cried. "You'll be here to-morrow in good time to welcome our dear boy."

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The Squire was not expected till six o'clock, so having a couple of hours or so to spare, I thought that I might take a stroll in the direction of Miss Brown's home. I went in through the lodge, and crossed the park towards the shrubberies, where I knew that Julia was accustomed to walk in the morning with her dogs. I saw Mr. Tannenbaum, a middle-aged man of swarthy complexion, walking alone on the terrace in the distance. Then I went down one box-edged path after another till I came to the rose-garden. By the fountain stood Julia. She looked pale and agitated. A young man, who wore gaiters and held a hunting-crop, stood beside her talking earnestly.

"It's the young farmer!" I was so angry, I nearly spoke out aloud.

I turned quickly away, down the shady walks, and during the rest of the time I tried to forget Julia, and to think only of the coming festivities.

At half-past four the gardens at the Hall were full of expectant and excited guests. Further from the house than the principal lawn was a smaller grass-plot where the sun-dial stood. It was surrounded by hollies and laurels, and through these I pushed my way, but not to find myself, as I expected, alone. In one corner I recognised Julia, her head bowed down, and holding a handkerchief to her eyes. The young man in grey, whom I had before seen, was holding her hand. Then, as I looked, with my heart beating fast, the unexpected happened. From a pathway opposite to the one I had taken, a figure—two, three figures—emerged. The first was that of a very stout man wearing a black coat and the shiniest of hats. His face was quite purple, and I think his hand was clenched as if in anger. Poor Julia started, and moved a step backward; it was her father! The insolent young man in the gaiters stood and faced him calmly.

"So it's you, Sir!" cried old Mr. Pinching-Brown, his words seeming almost to choke him. "You who have dared to lure my daughter away from her friends and fellow-guests! How dare you, Sir? Who—who are you, I should like to know, that you should show such horrible, such gross impertinence!"

"Yes, indeed!" cried Julia's mother. "We were never even introduced to you in the hotel! And now you induce my daughter to meet you alone here!"

"Ha, ha! it's a pretty state of things!" screamed the old man. "A young lady scrapes acquaintance with a fellow in a pothouse abroad, and he takes a base advantage! You, Sir, you—now understand me! You will consider yourself a complete stranger to us in the future!"

Julia's face was like a white rose. She seemed unable to speak.

"Ah! he's no gentleman!" said the husky voice of Mr. Tannenbaum, who stood behind the poor girl's parents. I wondered what this impudent young lover of Julia's would say or do. His eyes blazed, but he controlled himself wonderfully. He took off his hat and spoke—

"I am sorry, Mr. Brown, if I am to be deprived in the future of the pleasure of your acquaintance. But I must bow to your decision. As regards your daughter——"

"I forbid you so much as to mention her, Sir!" And Mr. Brown, with immense dignity, drew Julia's muslin-clad arm within his broadcloth sleeve, and led her away from the grass-plot. I turned, unobserved, into the shrubberies, and made my way to the front of the house, where a large crowd had already assembled. It was half-past five, and although the Squire could not possibly come among us until six, the guests were one and all struggling to get as near the steps as they could. The resplendence of Aunt Sophia's and Aunt Charlotte's caps shone on us from the porch. People laughed and talked and elbowed each other, and the clock at last struck six loud strokes, but there was no sound of approaching wheels.

"I hope to Heaven there's been no accident!" cried the agent. The clock struck two sharp strokes. Half-past six. Then I observed that suddenly the two old ladies were hurrying into the house. A minute later, and the brilliant caps were to be seen fluttering again in the porch, and Aunt Sophia was holding her handkerchief to her eyes. A tall young man had appeared, with his hand on Aunt Charlotte's shoulder, and she too seemed to be crying. Then there was a loud, wild cheer from all of us—and I believed I cheered too—as the young man came forward on the top step, and the others drew back a little. I started. It was the same person who had talked with Julia in her rose-garden, and by the dial!

"My friends, I am very, very glad to find myself among you!"

He spoke in a clear, frank voice that rang out over the heads of all the people. But the rest of his speech was lost on me, for I caught sight of a figure in white muslin being carried out of the crowd.

"A lady has fainted!" someone cried. Then, in less than a moment, the young man on the steps had leaped down among the excited men and women and had gone straight towards her. I saw a glimpse of old Mr. Pinching-Brown's horror-struck face as he turned it on the Squire. Then he took his hat off, and his bald head kept on bowing up and down.

I did not meet any of the group again until most of the guests had gone homewards. It was late when Mr. Brown came hobbling towards me, with an expression of intense agitation making his mouth twitch.

"Oh, Revell, my dear boy!" he cried. "I've made the devil's own mess of it! I've insulted that gentleman, Squire Conybeare, in his own grounds! Whatever now can I do?"

I tried not to smile, and said that I was very sorry to hear it.

We walked slowly past the drawing-room windows, and I saw a smiling group of people watching us. Squire Conybeare had his hand on Julia's shoulder, and Aunt Sophia was holding her hand. Aunt Charlotte was talking to Mrs. Pinching-Brown.

"The Squire's going to return good for evil," I whispered. "You've forbidden him your house, but I fancy, after all, that he'll ask you into his!"

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My friend paused.

"Well, I don't know that there's much more to tell," he said.

There was a sound of wheels again, and the cart approached the gate. Revell and I rose from our bench and went towards it.

"I have been round to Mitchell's," said the young Squire. "He's got a magnificent crop of barley." He nodded, and drove past us down the road.

"A good-looking fellow," I remarked.

My friend was silent for a moment.

"And it's her smile over again," said he.

THE END.

Rosalind's Fashions.

THE general mourning for our late beloved Queen does not, so far as we at present know, terminate before April 17. This naturally puts a great limit on variety or new departure of any kind in the world of dress for a long spell. The spring novelties which were in preparation for launching as soon as the sales terminated became, of course, when the sad news was known, a dead letter, and, unfortunately, a dead loss also to the luckless manufacturers and drapers. The consideration for others, which is a well-known characteristic of King Edward VII., however, has prompted him to lighten the severity and shorten the period of mourning wear—as George III. did, time back—to spare his loyal subjects very serious trade depression.

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Much Variety, till the half-mourning comes at least, is not possible, but it is desirable to render our mourning wear as graceful as we can, and for this purpose I am seeking all the best sources for my sketches and notes, in the hope of being of assistance to my readers in the matter. Fig. 1 reveals a becoming chapeau of black cloth, with bent-about brim, and black ribbon strings, the trimming thereof consisting of black ostrich-tips and black violets. These latter with black roses are freely used. White crêpe is admissible and much in evidence. It is here expressed in a stock and cravat, which give relief to the coat and collar of black vicuna.

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days we have, and are likely to be having ere our generally tardy spring arrives, find a silk blouse but cold comfort—boleros of many kinds may be worn over, which, though small and dainty, are just sufficient to give the required additional warmth, and show the tucked blouse at the same time. In Fig. 2, I give an example. The blouse is here tucked horizontally, and slightly pouched, with a folded waistband of the black silk fastened by a rosette and ends of ribbon. The skirt is of cashmere, and the bolero is of the same, cut as my sketch clearly indicates, short at the back, and down into sharp points in the front. These, with the broad collar, are embroidered with silk. The sleeves should be specially noted as being something rather new. They are, it will be seen, tucked perpendicularly from the shoulder to a little above the wrist, and then allowed to fly loose; then gathered again into a wristband embroidered with silk. The full shirt-sleeve, which has obtained so much of late is thus achieved in one-sleeve instead of the double one, which many people dislike.

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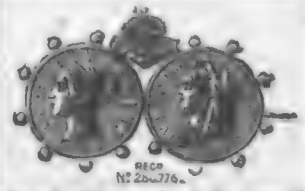

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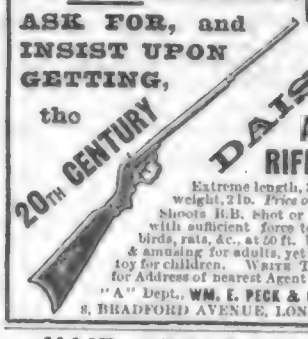

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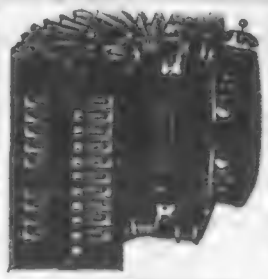

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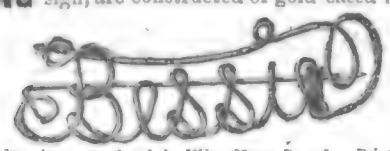

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

QUEEN VICTORIA AS A MUSICIAN.

THROUGHOUT her life our late beloved Queen took great interest in music, and her gifts in that direction were far beyond the average amateur.

Mendelssohn

in his delightful letters has much to say of the Queen as a musician. He was in London in 1838, and first saw her coming out of the Abbey after her coronation. The composer was invited to Buckingham Palace in 1842, when he improvised on melodies suggested by Prince Albert. He was greatly honoured when his famous oratorio "Elijah" was performed, and tells a pleasant anecdote of playing a duet with the Prince, and of the wind from an open window scattering the sheets of music on the floor. The Queen came in as the duet finished, and exclaimed, "What a litter you are in!" Then she picked up the loose sheets, and placed them upon the pianoforte. Mendelssohn requested Her Majesty to sing, and she did so to the composer's accompaniment. She was a charming vocalist at that date.

I have seen the programme of a Royal concert in which

Prince Albert and the Queen Sang a Duet,

Her Majesty also joining Signor Rubini and Signor Lablache, the greatest tenor and basso of the day, in a trio from Mozart's "Magic Flute." She could play the pianoforte admirably, and found no difficulty in rendering a sonata of Beethoven or a nocturne of Chopin. In fact, she loved music so much that she always treated composers and performers with the greatest consideration. Liszt visited the Queen in 1840, and again in 1886, and Her Majesty remembered everything he played at his first visit. M. Paderewski mentioned a similar experience a few weeks since.

Wagner,

who conducted the Philharmonic Concerts in 1855, was at loggerheads with the orchestra, the directors, the Press, and the public, but he was enraptured with the Queen, who, hearing his magnificent overture to "Tannhäuser" at the seventh concert, asked Wagner to repeat the overture, and after the encore sent for the composer and said: "I am delighted to make your acquaintance, Herr Wagner. Your beautiful music has enchanted me." Wagner wrote to an old friend: "Her behaviour compensated me for all the vexations I had met with in London." The composer was in some doubt as to the reception he would have from Royalty, as he was at the time so compromised in Germany, owing to his political views, that he was in danger of being arrested.

Wagner came again to London in 1877, and the Queen invited him to Windsor, and, as the composer afterwards said, showed the most intimate acquaintance with his music. When Thalberg was the most renowned pianist of the period, he was twice or thrice invited to play to Her Majesty, who, later on, delighted to hear the great French violinist, M. Sainton, who dedicated some of his most popular compositions to the Queen and Prince Albert.

Jenny Lind

was one of the Queen's special favourites; so was Sir Charles Hallé; and at Balmoral Madame Albani was a frequent visitor to the Castle, Her Majesty often taking afternoon tea with the delightful vocalist. The Queen had studied so thoroughly that she frequently accompanied songs the music of which she had never seen before. Her greatest delight was to spend a few hours with Prince Albert playing and singing.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra

likewise love music intensely. Her Majesty plays the pianoforte divinely. During the London Seasons of the past, the favourite recreation of the King and Queen has been found at the Royal Opera. Indeed, their Majesties' support of Opera has done much to revive its popularity. May they find solace in the lyric drama at Covent Garden in the forthcoming season! I am sure numbers of my readers will be interested to read this tribute of the *Daily Telegraph* to the deservedly popular Princess

Who is Now Our Queen:

"Gifted with great good taste, Queen Alexandra during her career as Princess of Wales has given untold pleasure by that which she herself takes in the study and collection of water-colour drawings and other works of art. An accomplished musician, she could interpret and enjoy the best compositions of Wagner, Chopin, Schubert, and the other masters of melody and harmony; while her love for her domestic pets and animal dependents has been always noted, and springs from the tenderness of a profoundly compassionate nature.

"The Princess of Wales, with a dairymaid's apron on and a basket of broken bread in her hands, going to the kennels in the morning to feed her favourite dogs, was a figure frequently seen at Sandringham. There was always a deeper manifestation of this gentle side of her nature in the unwearying satisfaction she derived from associating herself with charitable and benevolent works, and taking the lead in any great movement of this sort wherein her name might be useful. Needless to say that qualities like these tended naturally to constitute her the best of mothers, and that her interest in the welfare and right up-bringing of her children was unselfish and unbounded. [The *Sketch* of last week gave a charming little picture of Her Majesty with her Sandringham pets.]

"Those privileged to peruse any of the letters written to private friends during the period to which we refer will be aware that they show an entirely unique gift for this rather neglected branch of composition, displaying a vivacity, delicacy, and wit almost completely their own." With many gracious acts our King has begun his reign, and his first appearance in state, accompanied by his Queen, will take place just as these lines appear in print—namely, at the opening of

His Majesty's First Parliament

on Feb. 14. It will be a noble and solemn function, and let us hope that it will be followed by an orderly and peaceful Session, fraught with debates and measures which may have the prompt effect of reducing the appalling sum total of human misery that still exists in this and other great cities, and of ameliorating likewise the sad lot of the great majority of hard and honest workers, whose reward after lives of hard labour is too often but the chill and flinty comfort of the workhouse. It will be a grand thing to have achieved if King Edward and his Parliament can accomplish this social reform.

QUEEN WILHELMINA AND THE PRINCE OF THE NETHERLANDS, MARRIED AT THE HAGUE ON FEBRUARY 7.

The Queen's Last Voyage

through the Solent on the way to her chosen resting-place in the Frogmore Mausoleum is commemorated by a Drawing of the Royal coffin in the deck pavilion of the *Alberta*. It was sadly touching to contrast Her Majesty's many pleasure-trips in the same yacht with that profoundly impressive final procession through the saluting avenue of war-ships on Feb. 1. I own my heart went out more fervently than ever to the Kingly Chief Mourner on the morrow, when even his genial face betrayed the pain he had endured in the hours of mourning at Osborne, and all through the long and trying funeral.

But Queen Victoria sleeps at last beside the remains of her beloved husband in

The Albert Memorial Chapel

at Frogmore, whither the King and Queen and Royal Family followed the Royal coffin on Monday week. Of that solemn interior a photograph was given in *The Penny Illustrated Paper* of Feb. 2. Ere the end of last week the lid of the sarcophagus was replaced and sealed down. On the lid will be placed a recumbent figure in marble of her late Majesty, which has been carved, enclosed in a case, and carefully preserved in Windsor Castle for twenty-five years. Now it will be fixed on the tomb by the recumbent effigy of her Consort.

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The Queen of Holland's Marriage

to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin took place at the Hague on Feb. 7 amid the rejoicings of her youthful Majesty's subjects. It will be seen from their smiling portraits that Queen Wilhelmina and the Prince of the Netherlands, as he is now styled, make a happily mated couple. The City of Amsterdam had presented to the Queen a handsome golden chariot, in which the Queen-Mother, with Her Majesty and the Prince, proceeded

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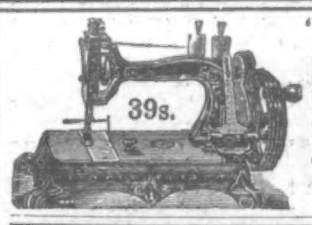

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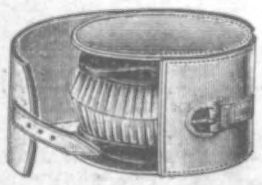

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from the building in which the civil marriage document was signed to the great Church where the religious ceremony was performed. The grandeur of this old Gothic fane may be realised by a glance at the interesting old print reproduced in this week's *Sketch*.

The Queen's Bridal Gown

was brilliant in the extreme. It was of cloth-of-silver, or silver tissue, over silk jewelled with pearls and diamonds, cut quite plainly in both skirt and train, with a low-cut sleeveless corsage and a wreath of orange-blossoms caught at the shoulders. Her Majesty also wore a tiara of diamonds, which was almost hidden by the orange-blossoms, and a plain tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of orchids and orange-blossoms. The bridegroom wore the uniform of a Vice-Admiral of the Netherlands Navy, crossed with the ribbon of the Netherlands Union. The Queen-Dowager wore a lilac gown opening over a cream-coloured skirt. On a magnificent carpet, embroidered by the ladies of the Court, the Queen and the Prince stood hand-in-hand while the pastor read the marriage service, which closely follows that of the Church of England. When the final question was put to the Queen the affirmative response

"Ja"

was clearly heard all over the church. The exchange of rings followed immediately thereafter, the minister placing them on a small golden tray and presenting them to the bridegroom, who took one and placed it on the third finger of the right hand of his betrothed. The tray was next handed to her, and she performed a like service for the bridegroom.

The wedding-breakfast was served in the Palace, whence the Royal pair left later for Loo, to spend their honeymoon. The Queen wore a dark blue travelling-costume and a blue hat with ostrich feathers.

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Now, from the dark skies of February I look towards the longed-for spring, which finds its sweet herald in Winifred E. Heard

'Mid the Blooms of May.

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There is a lane, the sweetest spot in spring,
Where perfumed violets fill the sunlit air,
And wild birds make the leafy pinewoods ring
With glad thanksgiving that the spring is here.
When may-trees shed their lovely perfumed snow,
'Twas here we met, my dainty love and I,
Close to a brook just loosened in its flow
That sang so sweetly as it passed us by.

Ah! sweet, most sweet of all, youth's sunlit hours,
Our meeting in that lane amid the flow'rs;
And dear, most dear, wherever we may stray,
The hours we passed amid the blooms of may.

There is a stile o'er-shadowed by sweet may,
And there she stood, a vision fair to see.
The violets brimming with the dew of day
She held, their breath was wafted unto me.
The softest breeze stirred curls of sunny hair!
The morning sunlight died a ruddy gold.
The shy, sweet blush that made her wondrous fair,
The crimson lips their sweet love yet untold.

Ah! dear, most dear of all, youth's sunlit hours,
Our meeting in the lane amid the flow'rs;
And dear, most dear, the love I won that day,
The love I won amid the blooms of may.

MARGUERITE.

THE RACING WORLD.

A FEW GRAND NATIONAL HORSES were out last week, and were duly beaten, as one might have almost expected them to be.

Sarah.

a very useful mare, all wire and whipcord, finished in front of two candidates for honours at Aintree—namely, Cushenden and Covert Hack. Perhaps, as appeared most likely at the time, they were trying to do more than was generally supposed. Anyway, I may say that neither was fit, and both ran quite well enough to keep their backers for the National in good heart.

Mr. Saunders Davies laid off a considerable distance with Cushenden, and when striving to make up ground towards the finish came near to getting a fall. The blunder upset the horse, who was well beaten in the run home from the last jump—beaten for speed, that is. Still this was by no means a bad show. Neither was Covert Hack's. He went well enough for an only partly trained horse, and, I think, gained more friends than he lost. The Stalker, another runner, was much on the big side, and yet another National horse, Sunny Shower, who figured in the same race, will see a better day.

Everyone seems to have become quite certain that Mr. Solly Joel's proper policy is to save Uncle Jack for the big chase at Manchester, instead of trying his luck with him at Liverpool. I did not think that the horse looked as well

At Sandown Park

as he did before he left Lewes to be sold at Newmarket; but there is plenty of time to get him straight before the National day. He was beaten on Saturday by Australian Star, a very useful customer indeed, who for once na way was well-behaved at the post and while going down to it. To give Mr. Spencer Gollan's fine Colonial 181b. was a very big undertaking indeed, and I was not at all surprised to see Uncle Jack fail to accomplish it. He jumped big, in steeplechase fashion, instead of skimming his hurdles, and was moreover, short of work owing to the frost. Because he jumped big, the quidnuncs say that he ought to be put by for Manchester, or even the great chase at Auteuil. Now Aintree is the biggest country of the three, I hope that he will

Go for the Liverpool Race.

If he does, he will pretty nearly win it. Hidden Mystery will be ridden by Mr. Brassey. Nothing can be more pleasing from a sporting point of view than for an owner to land a great race in this way, but I fancy that we shall always be able to get a nice price, while this arrangement holds good, for the Mystery.

Manifesto

is all right again, and is, in my opinion, the best horse of all to back. George Williamson has been again engaged for the race, and will probably be on the favourite at the fall of the flag. The public are sure to go for the big horse at last.

Some of the light weights are considerably fancied. Grudon is one of whom I hear good accounts. Pawnbroker is another, and just at present there is more money about

For Levanter

than any other in the Stake. Last year Mr. George Edwardes's horse *was very unlucky to lose*. Please to recollect that, good *P.I.P.* readers. Barsac, of course, has a great chance, but my information is that

Grudon is the Better of the Pair.

County Council came into notice in the market before the stable-companion Sarah won at Sandown. County Council has, so it is said, come back to form all right again.

Very little has been doing on the Lincolnshire Handicap, and the Derby is practically neglected. Volodyovski does not go well. Why should he? The horse has been amiss, and the fielders are aware of the fact.

Lady Meux has Won the First Round

in her fight with the Duchess of Marlborough, who is Lady William Beresford, as you know. Justice Grantham granted her an injunction to restrain the present holder of the colt from entering or running him for any race. The ground on which the Judge acted was that, as Lord William's skill as a manager formed a great inducement for granting the lease, it should be determined by his death. Speaking of leases, I am glad that the news about

The Duke of Devonshire and the King's Horses

has been confirmed, and that they are to be leased to his Grace. No better representative English owner can be found than this devoted sportsman, who has raced for sport's sake, and always been a liberal supporter of the pastime since he first began to own horses.

Morny Cannon

has, so rumour declares, been retained to ride Forfarshire in the Lincolnshire Handicap. Wishard is said to have improved Harrow's manners considerably. Harrow offered great scope for that kind of alteration. Hulcot has been backed in the limited market. I like this horse much, but shall wait a bit yet before I try to find the winner.

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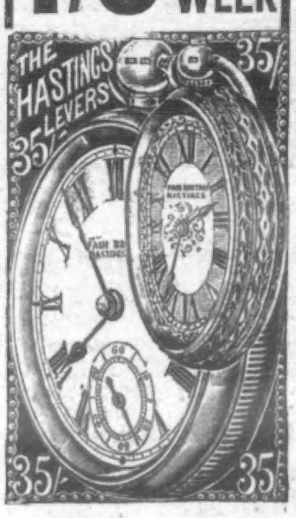

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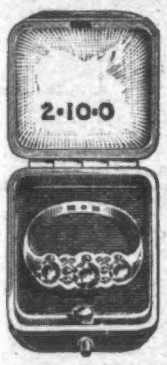

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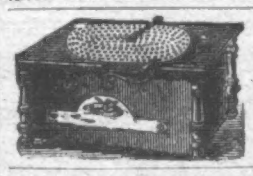

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